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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ignacio Cabrera retires as Bloomington High School principal, recognized by board

SAN BERNARDINO – Today, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors recognized Ignacio Cabrera upon his retirement as principal at Bloomington High School (BHS) of the Colton Joint Unified School District (CJUSD). After his 15-year tenure with the school district, 13 as principal, BHS graduation and attendance rates are ranked number one within CJUSD at 89.6 percent and 95 percent, respectively.

"For the past 15 years, Bloomington High School has been very fortunate to have such a capable leader at the helm. His ability as an administrator can be proven by how the students and faculty have continued to succeed," said Supervisor Gonzales.

From the time Cabrera became principal in 2000, BHS has received two separate accreditations from WASC and has been honored as a National Demonstration School since 2006. Academic Performance Index (API) scores have grown from 535 to 677 and currently 90 percent of BHS AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) seniors are admitted into 4-year colleges upon graduation. The BHS Advanced Placement (AP) Program has also flourished, with the number of students taking and passing AP tests increasing each year.

Cabrera holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in music education from the University of Arizona in Tuscon. He served as band director at three different schools before receiving his master's degree and credential in educational administration.

He has lived in Riverside since 1981 and has been married to his wife Susan for 38 years whom with he has three children, Jon, Matthew and Jennifer.